

#BLESSED

Part 2: Blessed Are Those Who Honor God

HONOR AND BLESSINGS

A. Honor: high respect, great esteem

1. Honor those who have sacrificed and served
2. Honor the offices of authority
3. Honor parents - that it may be well with us
4. Husbands are to treat their wives with honor - impacts prayers

B. Honor God (*Psalm 112:1-2 NKJV*)

1. Fear = to revere, have a deep respect, synonymous with honor
2. This Psalm gives a list of the blessings associated with honoring God and His word

HONOR AND BLESSINGS IN A HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT

A. Captives of the culture but still connected to God (*Daniel 1:6-9; 11-17 NKJV*)

1. Their names were changed to remove the remembrance of God
2. They were forced to accept a diet that opposed God's laws
3. Daniel and friends dared to believe that God could help them even in Babylon

B. Daniel was honorable towards his captors

1. He treated them with respect
2. Polite enough to ask please - not demanding or demeaning

C. God's blessings / empowerment became evident in their lives

1. Supernaturally fatter - from veggies and water
2. God given knowledge and skill in Babylonian wisdom
3. A massive difference between Daniel and friends and their competitors (*Daniel 1:19-20 NKJV*)

LIVING BLESSED IN TODAY'S CULTURE

A. Purpose to live different, not dominated

1. The culture around us honors God less and less
2. Do not accept the labels that try to remove God from your life
3. In Christ we are the forgiven, the loved, the helped, the strong (*1 John 5:4 NIV*)

B. Honor God and your relationship with Him

1. Acknowledge Him in your life
2. Purpose in your heart to live clean before Him (*2 Corinthians 7:1 NLT*)
3. Be honorable towards others - responding in a different spirit

C. Blessings follow honor

1. God's blessings can cover your areas of need - not limited to spiritual things only
2. His blessings can cause you to stand out - in a good way